

Remarks/Arguments:

Applicant's attorney very much appreciates the telephone interview on September 9, 2005 initiated by Applicant's attorney. The Examiner was very professional and the substance of the interview is set forth in the Interview Summary by the Examiner dated September 14, 2005.

Accordingly, the claims have all been amended so that the feature of the external cutter is now included in all the claims. Specifically, now independent claim 5 has been amended to include all of the features of claims 1 and 4. Further claims 10-13 have all been canceled without prejudice. Independent claim 14 has been amended to specifically set forth the feature of the sizing mechanism moving the sizing block. All the remaining claims are dependent on independent claims 5 and 14.

Extension of Time

Authorization for credit payment in the amount of \$120 for a response within the first months Extension of Time accompanies this response. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3), the Director is respectfully requested to consider this authorization as a constructive petition for an extension of time.

Reconsideration is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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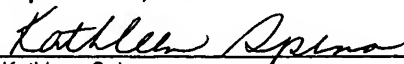
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